

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to make reference to sequence identifiers and to include the Sequence Listing submitted herewith on separate sheets (the Notice to Comply indicates the sequence identifiers were not present in the description of the figures – the attached Sequence Listing includes SEQ ID NO:33). Entry of the Sequence Listing does not raise the issue of new matter as the sequence information contained therein is presented in the application as originally filed. The computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith is believed to be the same as the attached paper copy of that Listing.

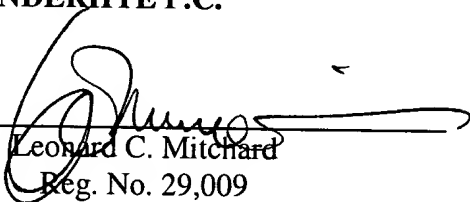
The drawings have been corrected to include sequence identifiers in Figs. 4, 5 and 6. No new matter is entered.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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